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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper responds to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on July 6, 2006.

**REMARKS**

The Office action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required: (I) claims 1-14 and 20-27 and (II) claims 15-19. Group I is directed to window components and Group II is directed to a method of manufacturing the window components.

Applicants hereby elect claim Group I (i.e., claims 1-14 and 20-27) with traverse. Applicants submit that the restriction is improper and should be withdrawn because a search of either claim group would require a search in the same class (i.e., class 49).

Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that the claims are not so unrelated as to constitute such a serious burden on searching and examination as would entail imposition of a restriction requirement. See MPEP § 803. Applicants thus request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction and examination of all claims (i.e., claims 1-27).